

CAH when the physician's presence is medically required.

(B) An "emergency room physician who is on call" means a doctor of medicine or osteopathy with training or experience in emergency care who is immediately available by telephone or radio contact, and is available on site within the timeframes specified in §485.618(d) of this chapter.

(5) *Costs of ambulance services.* (i) Effective for services furnished on or after December 21, 2000, payment for ambulance services furnished by a CAH or an entity that is owned and operated by a CAH is the reasonable costs of the CAH or the entity in furnishing those services, but only if the CAH or the entity is the only provider or supplier of ambulance services located within a 35-mile drive of the CAH or the entity.

(ii) For purposes of paragraph (b)(5) of this section, the distance between the CAH or the entity and the other provider or supplier of ambulance services will be determined as the shortest distance in miles measured over improved roads between the CAH or the entity and the site at which the vehicles of the closest provider or supplier of ambulance services are garaged. An improved road for this purpose is any road that is maintained by a local, State, or Federal government entity and is available for use by the general public. An improved road will be considered to include the paved surface up to the front entrance of the hospital and the front entrance of the garage.

(6) If a CAH meets the criteria in §412.113(c) of this subchapter for pass-through of costs of anesthesia services furnished by nonphysician anesthesiologists employed by the CAH or obtained under arrangement, payment to the CAH for the costs of those services is made in accordance with §412.113(c) of this chapter.

(c) *Final payment based on cost report.* Final payment to the CAH for CAH facility services to inpatients and outpatients furnished during a cost reporting is based on a cost report for that period, as required under §413.20(b).

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**§413.74 Payment to a foreign hospital.**

(a) *Principle.* Section 1814(f) of the Act provides for the payment of emergency and nonemergency inpatient hospital services furnished by foreign hospitals to Medicare beneficiaries. Subpart H of part 424 of this chapter, together with this section, specify the conditions for payment. These conditions may result in payments only to Canadian and Mexican hospitals.

(b) *Amount of payment.* Effective with admissions on or after January 1, 1980, the reasonable cost for services covered under the Medicare program furnished to beneficiaries by a foreign hospital will be equal to 100 percent of the hospital's customary charges (as defined in §413.13(b)) for the services.

(c) *Submittal of claims.* The hospital must establish its customary charges for the services by submitting an itemized bill with each claim it files in accordance with its election under §424.104 of this chapter.

(d) *Exchange rate.* Payment to the hospital will be subject to the official exchange rate on the date the patient is discharged and to the applicable deductible and coinsurance amounts described in §§409.80 through 409.83.

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**Subpart F—Specific Categories of Costs**

**§413.80 Bad debts, charity, and courtesy allowances.**

(a) *Principle.* Bad debts, charity, and courtesy allowances are deductions from revenue and are not to be included in allowable cost; however, except for anesthesiologists' services described under paragraph (h) of this section, bad debts attributable to the deductibles and coinsurance amounts are reimbursable under the program.

(b) *Definitions—(1) Bad debts.* Bad debts are amounts considered to be uncollectible from accounts and notes receivable that were created or acquired in providing services. "Accounts receivable" and "notes receivable" are designations for claims arising from